instalments, on the basis of receipt of Utilization, Certificates for the past Central releases and also the contribution of matching State shares for the past releases. Additional funds, over and above the tentative allocations, are also released to the States/UTs on their request keeping in view the physical and financial progress of the Scheme in the State/UT and also the availability of funds. Under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), proposals for urban employment, as such, are not received from the States/UTs.

Loans for housing

4644. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

whether Union Government have reclassified the income limits to define various economic groups;

if so, the details thereof;

whether new classification is likely to help economically weaker sections particularly minority community to get loans for housing; if so, the details thereof;

whether Government propose interest subsidy for economically weaker sections and LIG categories particularly minority community; and

if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (e) Yes Sir, the Government has reclassified the income limits for various economic groups to avail loan from Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd. as follows:—

Category	New income ceiling effective from 2006-2007
EWS	Up to Rs. 3300
LIG	Rs. 3301-7300
MIG	Rs. 7301-14500
HIG	Rs.14501 & above

The new classification of income ceiling will enable Economically Weaker Section/Low Income Group (including minority community) beneficiaries in finding better quality of house. The new classification is in the process of formulating Interest Subsidy Scheme for Economically Weaker Section/Low Income Group category (including minority community).

Educated unemployed

†4645. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of the educated unemployed persons in the country, State-wise;

whether there is any proposal to raise the age of educated unemployed persons from 35 years to 40 years to get loan for self-employment;

if so, the details thereof and the decisions taken in this regard;

the interest rates of the nationalized banks for this kind of loans; and

whether there is any proposal to reduce these rates for the welfare of unemployed persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The State-wise number of educated job seekers registered with the employment exchanges in the country as on 31.12.2005 is given in the Statement. (See below).

(b) and (c) Under the Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), which is a scheme to provide employment to educated unemployed youth by setting up of micro-enterprises, being implemented by Ministry of Agro & Rural Industries, the age related eligibility criteria are:—

(i) 18 to 35 years for all educated unemployed.

(ii) 18 to 40 years for all educated unemployed in North-Eastern States, Himachal Pradesh Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand.

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†Origina) notice of the question was received in Hindi.